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**VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL**

California Air Resources Chair Liane M. Randolph and Board Members  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Comment Letter - Advanced Clean Cars II (ACC II)

Dear Board Members,

On behalf of the Kern County Farm Bureau (KCFB), an over one hundred years old member driven organization focused on advocacy, education, and promotion of local agriculture and representing one of the top agricultural producing counties in the United States, we offer the following comments regarding proposed Advance Clean Cars II (ACC II) standards.

As you know California along with the rest of the nation is struggling domestically with a multitude of challenges ranges from inflation, rising food and fuel costs, food shortages, supply chain issues, and drought not to mention the impacts of conflicts abroad especially in Eastern Europe. KCFB strongly encourages the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to consider effects and how they may be compounded by the implementation of ACC II.

Kern County is one of the driest and warmest regions of the state with residents paying some of the highest energy rates in California. ACC II would increase already high electricity rates for local area residents and further stress our overburdened energy grid. The southern San Joaquin Valley is also one of the most economically challenged regions of the state and forcing households to transition to higher priced electric vehicles would further saddle those families suffering economic hardship with more debt. Farmers and ranchers who are already challenged to meet the world's demand for food with less water could be crushed by the costs of new electric powered truck fleets and operate those fleets in a rural environment where the infrastructure to support mass electric vehicle charging is non-existent may threaten a producers ability to products to market safely, without spoilage, and on time.

It is for these reasons and more that KCFB strongly encourages CARB to reconsider ACC II. The implementation of ACC II is untimely and the impacts too great to bear during an already challenging time for Californians who have not yet recovered post pandemic.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this letter further, please feel free to contact me at (661) 397-9635 or by email at [kcfb@kerncfb.com](mailto:kcfb@kerncfb.com). Thank you in advance for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Patty Poire'.

Patty Poire, Board President  
Kern County Farm Bureau